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EMPIRE of THE WEST

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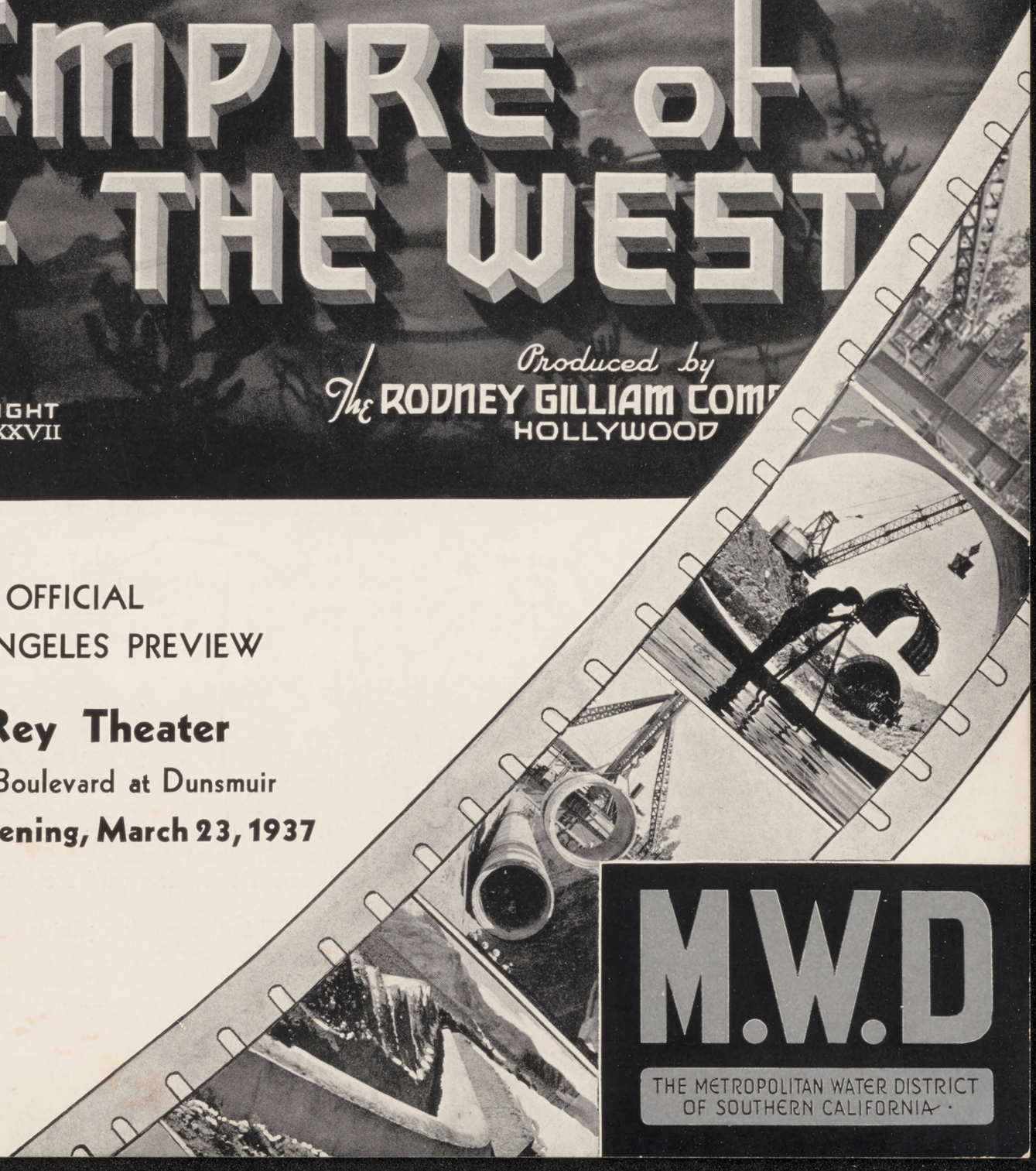

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THE PICTURE

EMPIRE OF THE WEST is released by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In its Prologue we look back for a fleeting moment upon Early California in the days before the coming of the restless, energetic Yankee with his tireless plans for development.

Later we see the California of great thriving cities, rich fields and orchards. We see how this has been made possible by the drawing off of precious underground water reserves which had taken Nature thousands of years slowly to accumulate.

We see the rapidly growing menace of a disastrous water shortage. And we see unfolding before our eyes the bold plans of our people to bring in a new supply of water from the Colorado River. By the medium of the moving picture we are carried out along the 300-mile construction front on the Aqueduct, where today the Metropolitan Water District is building a giant water supply system which will effect Man's conquest of the Desert in Southern California.

LEO CARRILLO

For the gracious and generous assistance rendered by Mr. Leo Carrillo, the Metropolitan Water District desires to give this public acknowledgment of thanks.

Mr. Carrillo gave to the District his time and his talents in his enactment of the role of The Californian in the Prologue of EMPIRE OF THE WEST.

In addition to his recognized standing as a great actor, Mr. Carrillo is a descendant of one of the first families to settle and govern California.

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Leo Carrillo in the role of the Early Californian in the motion picture EMPIRE OF THE WEST

EMPIRE OF THE WEST is the motion picture saga of Man's conquest of the Desert.

It has faithfully recorded the victorious efforts of a people to free themselves from the twin scourges of Flood and Drought.

For generations the summer floods of the Colorado River have threatened and frequently devastated the areas along its lower reaches. Water breaking over the river levees, wiping out farms and villages and wasting into the sea! Water vitally needed to save the people on the Coastal Plain from the withering hand of Drought!

It was Nature's challenge to the vision and the courage of the people. The people accepted the challenge—and acted!

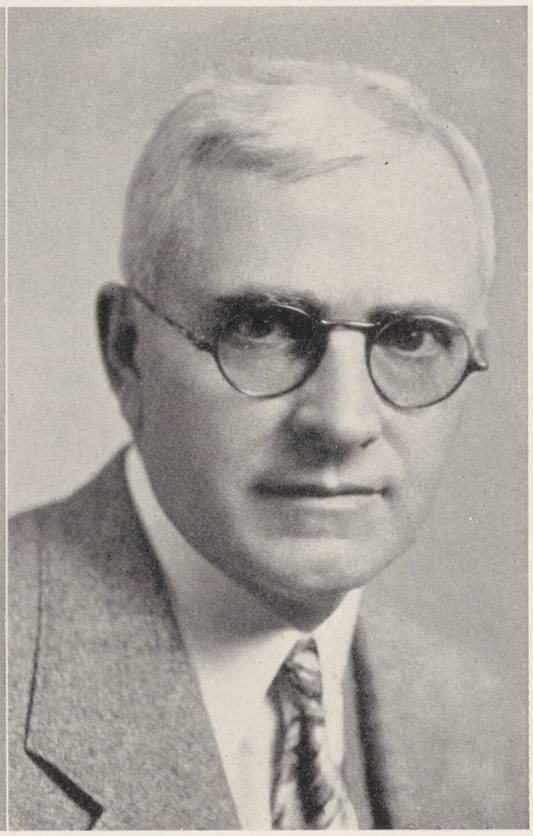
The aid of the Federal Government was enlisted. Boulder Dam was constructed—and the flood waters of the Colorado River were held in check behind a gigantic barrier of concrete.

But the water of the Colorado was three hundred miles from the great cities and orange groves along the shores of the Pacific.

To bring a portion of this Colorado River water to the thirsty cities of the Southland was a task that called for the engineering genius, the careful economic studies, and the dauntless courage of a great people.

EMPIRE OF THE WEST is the motion picture story of a great modern romance of the Western World. It is the drama of Man against the Elements. It is the deathless saga of a victorious war against Man's most ruthless enemy—Drought.

Chairman W. P. Whitsett, Board of Directors, The Metropolitan Water District.



F. E. Weymouth, General Manager and Chief Engineer, The Metropolitan Water District.

THIRTEEN cities, including Los Angeles and twelve other neighboring communities, comprise The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In 1928 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was established as a governmental division of the State.

In September, 1931, the citizens of the District voted a bond issue of $220,000,000 to finance the building of the Metropolitan Aqueduct.

Construction work on the aqueduct was started in December, 1932, and is scheduled to be completed in 1939.

The initial length of the Metropolitan Aqueduct is 392 miles. It will deliver one thousand million gallons of water a day to the cities and areas in the District.

Metropolitan Aqueduct water will be available only to cities or areas within The Metropolitan Water District.

An army of 8,500 men is now employed on the construction of this giant water supply system. District regulations require that aqueduct workmen be residents of the District cities.

Major construction features included in the Metropolitan Aqueduct are 108 miles of tunnels; 63 miles of lined canals; 55 miles of conduits; 28 miles of siphons; 237 miles of power lines from Boulder Dam to aqueduct pumping plants; 155 miles of distributing mains; 5 pumping plants; the Hayfield Reservoir; Parker Dam; Cajalco Dam and Reservoir; and Morris Dam and Reservoir.

THE DISTRICT

Following are the officers, the cities, and the members of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:

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THE THEATER

The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District desires to express its appreciation to Mr. A. L. Gore, Mr. Mike Gore and Mr. Adolph Ramish for their gracious co-operation in giving to the district the use of the new El Rey Theatre for the official preview of EMPIRE OF THE WEST.

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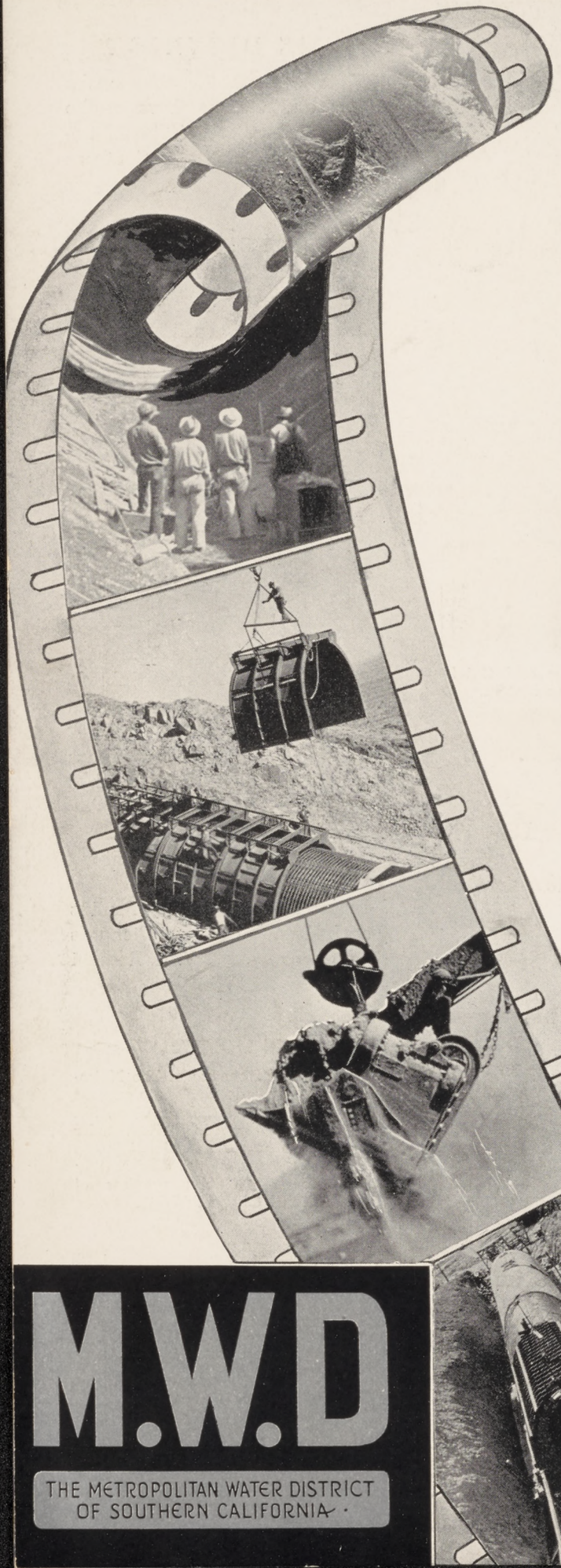

Four centuries ago California was discovered and claimed by the dauntless soldiers of Spain. Here their descendants ruled for three hundred years leaving an enduring heritage of Culture and Romance.

Nature lavished upon them most of her precious gifts. All save one and that the most vital of all — Water.

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EMPIRE OF THE WEST.)

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